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SUBJECT: TRADE UNION STAGS 1973

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1. KATHMANDU TENTATIVELY INTERESTED IN EITHER JAMES J. HILL OR BARNEY H. WEEKS (3 AND 5, REF A), DATES AT CONVENIENCE OF STAG.

2. NEPAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (NLO) RECENTLY AFFILIATED WITH ICFTU (REFS B AND C), AND NLO PRESIDENT HAS ADVISED US ONE OF HIS MOTIVATIONS WAS TO OFFSET PERVASIVE SOVIET INFLUENCE IN LABOR RANKS AND ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH FREE WORLD LABOR MOVEMENTS, WHICH HAVE IN PAST BEEN TOTALLY LACKING.

3. STAG VISIT WOULD THEREFORE BE APPROPRIATE AND WELCOMED BY NLO, BUT WE ARE UNSURE OF HMG RECEPTIVITY, REASON BEING THAT NLO IS QUASI- GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION UNDER NEPAL'S UNIQUE PANCHAYAT SYSTEM AND HMG MIGHT PROVE UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT BRINGING ITS DOCILE UNIONISTS IN CONTACT WITH ACTIVITISTS. WE WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WITH HMG BEFORE FINALIZING OUR REQUEST FOR STAG VISIT.

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